

COMMUNITY NEWS

Managing water restrictions in the home landscape

by Amy Winstead
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Outdoor water restrictions often require homeowners to innovatively manage their lawn and garden watering schedules. Fortunately there are several things homeowners can do to make the best use of their water supply even during the hottest and driest days of summer. Begin by checking all water

hoses, sprinkler systems, and irrigation systems to make sure they are performing at their peak efficiency. Repair any leaks and if necessary replace worn fittings and hoses.

Check mulch around beds and shrubbery to ensure an adequate layer is present. Mulch is excellent for holding in moisture, preventing evaporation, and regulating soil temperature. Extend mulch far enough out from plants to cover underground root systems.

Water when plants are just beginning to wilt and resist shallow watering as this only produces shallow root systems. By watering less frequently but for longer periods of time, you will promote deep, healthy root systems that can withstand dry periods much easier.

Water so that plants and/or lawn receive one to one-and-a-half inches of water per week (take into account rainfall). This may be done in split applications of 1/2 to 3/4 inches twice a week or one deep watering once a week. To determine how long it takes your sprinkler system to output one inch of water, place several shallow, flat-sided pans on the ground to catch water while irrigating and determine the time it takes to collect one inch of water.

Water your plants and lawn during the early morning hours.

between 4 AM and 10 AM to maximize water uptake. When applying water to beds or gardens, direct water applications to plant roots rather than an over-the-top approach. Wetting the foliage not only encourages disease but may also lessen the amount of water your plant roots receive due to evaporation.

Drip irrigation and/or soaker hoses are efficient at directing water towards the root system and will reduce water use by up to 50% compared to traditional sprinklers.

Finally, consider planting drought resistant plants suited for South Alabama. A list of such plants as well as additional information on water conservation can be obtained from the Coffee County Extension office at (334) 894-5596.



Rep. Terry Spicer and his wife, Ceina, made a \$500 contribution to the Elba Community Playground project Thursday evening, June 29, during the "Picnic for the Park" event on behalf of their two sons, Hayes and J. Cole. Rep. Spicer and J. Cole are shown presenting the check to Laurie Chapman, general coordinator for the Elba Community Playground project.

Red Cross announces disaster preparation classes to be conducted in July in Enterprise

The Coffee County American Red Cross will hold the following Disaster preparation classes:

Enterprise - Ozark Community College
• Shelter Operations July 11, 2006, 6-9 p.m.
• Shelter Operations July 13, 2006, 1-4 p.m.
Enterprise - First United Methodist Church
• Disaster Team Training Saturday July 15, 2006, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The first two Shelter Operations will be held at the EOCC (room 204) July 11 and July 13. This is one class taught at two different times to make it more valuable to volunteers. The second class is Disaster Action team training at the First United Methodist Church Old

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Elba City Council votes to approve agreement with Coffee County EMA

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening with Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Hammond presiding in the absence of Mayor James Grimes. Grimes was attending an out of town municipal government meeting.

Council members were unanimous in approving a Mutual Aid Agreement with Coffee County Emergency Management Agency director John Tallas.

Tallas said Elba was the first governing body in the county he has approached, but he will be talking with the City of Enterprise and then with the Coffee County Commission.

Director Tallas explained to council members that this agreement was not binding on the city if the police or other employees were unable to leave their normally assigned duties at the time of others being in need of help. He added this agreement was requested by FEMA and would be asked for during initial planning for disaster assistance.

The Council members went into executive session to discuss a price they were willing to pay for some property to be sold at bid on Thursday, July 13. The 3.7 acres of land adjoins the Legion Field ball park.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham said the auctioneer had said they expected the land to bring at least \$25,000 at auction, and they would sell it to Elba for that price. Council members felt that was higher than they wished to pay and opted to take their chances at the public auction.

After several minutes of discussion in the executive session, the council reconvened for the open meeting.

Monthly bills totaling \$19,228.50 were approved for payment. Hammond pointed out several of the higher bills and asked if there were any questions. Being no questions, he called for a motion and the vote.

Hammond also briefly reviewed the monthly financial statement for council members.

Grantham told council members that the garbage trucks will not be picking up garbage that is in privately owned containers. He explained that these are not adaptable to the trucks' emptying arms plus some homeowners would expect the city to pay for damaged privately owned containers.

He added that if one official container is not suitable for a household, additional containers are available at \$8 per month.

One local race on ballot for Republican Primary Run-off Election set for July 18th

Those desiring to vote Republican will take to the polls next Tuesday, July 18, as the Republican Primary Run-off Election will be held.

In Coffee County, only one local race will be decided. Voters will choose the Republican nominee for Coffee County Sheriff.

The winner, either Ricky Barnes or Dave Sutton, will face the Democratic nominee, Lance Tindol, in November's General Election for Sheriff. Tindol received his nomination during June's Primary Election beating incumbent Ben Moates.

Tuesday's run-off election also will feature five statewide races. All are vying for the

Republican Party nomination to November's General Election.

The Lieutenant Governor's race is between Luther Strange and George Wallace Jr.

The Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 3 is between Terri Willingham Thomas and Phillip Wood.

The Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 3 is between Clay Crenshaw and Sam Welch.

The State Auditor race is between Wes Allen and S. Samantha "Sam" Shaw.

The Public Service Commission, Place No. 2 race is between John Amari and Perry Hooper Jr.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Update reports given on various projects

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council met Monday evening, July 10, and several update reports were provided regarding various projects.

Mayor Charles Cole told council members the town received notification that something must be done with the grant for the downtown sidewalk project before Dec. 15th of this year or the town will have to forfeit the grant. He said the major holdup with the project has been the cost. The project has been bid a couple of times and the cost has been too high each time. However, Cole said Monday evening that he is confident the town can get something started on the project before Dec. 15th.

The mayor also reported Monday evening that progress with the Mayberry USA project is on hold right now. He said the work crews have moved to another site for the time being because of a holdup with some of the paperwork for the Mayberry project.

Progress is being made with the demolition grant for structures identified as public nuisances within the town as Mayor Cole reported the project currently is being advertised for bids in two local papers.

"Once this demolition grant takes care of these houses, we're going to get on the abandoned cars," said Cole.

This all is part of the town's attempt to clean up and beautify the town of New Brockton, and Cole said abandoned cars will be addressed just as soon as the structure demolition project is completed. By making this announcement, he said hopefully those with abandoned cars

will go ahead and do something with them before the town has to address the problem.

While discussing the demolition grant, council member Jeff White reminded citizens who own property identified for demolition of the importance of signing the appropriate paperwork. He said the release paperwork must be signed before the project can move forward. By participating in the grant project, there will be no cost to the owner for demolition and cleanup.

In providing his monthly report to council members, Police Chief Dale Grimes said 101 traffic citations were issued during the month of June including: two for driving under the influence, 40 for speeding, five for no driver's license, three for a revoked driver's license, five for a suspended driver's license, three for an expired tag, one for a switched tag, one for violation of the seat belt law and 41 for violation of the insurance law.

Grimes said many of the citations were the result of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign the department has been involved with since May. He said this campaign will continue through September, and additional checkpoints will be held during this time.

Chief Grimes also asked council members to approve a motion allowing him to attend a conference in August required for his certification. The cost will be \$175, and council members unanimously voted to allow him to attend.

In other business, the council members:

- Passed a resolution for a 90-day bank loan to cover operating expenses. Mayor Cole said this resolution was a "just in case"



Little Miss New Brockton Annsley Padgett attended Monday evening's New Brockton Town Council meeting. She updated council members on various events she has been representing the town at since becoming Little Miss New Brockton. Padgett will compete in the Little Miss National Peanut Festival pageant in October. She is shown above with Mayor Charles Cole.

formality and hopefully the town would not have to borrow any money.

- Approved a motion to pay the monthly bills totaling \$25,504.37. This included \$23,213.74 prepaid and \$2,290.63 to be paid.
- Approved a motion allowing

town clerk Annette Williams attend a clerk's meeting for training. The motion also called for the town to pay the actual expense for this request.

- Approved a motion to purchase an ad in the Gamecock Program at \$125 splitting the cost with the water board.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

Maintenance supervisor reports melting of sprinkler heads at jail

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission conducted a very quick meeting Monday morning, July 10, as the group met for the regular bimonthly meeting.

County resident Dr. Rex Mixson was again on the meeting's agenda to address commissioners regarding emergency medical response to his area of the county. During the June 26th commission meeting, he expressed a deep concern regarding response time by emergency medical service providers to his area of the county.

Mixson, a resident of County Road 143, said the people in his community are very concerned about emergency medical response because of the amount of time it takes for the provider from Elba to get to that part of the county. While he indicated having full confidence in the provider from Elba, he said the concern is simply the amount of time it takes to get from Elba.

"I want to thank you dear people," Mixson said during Monday's meeting. "I know you're working on it (the

response issue)."

After Mixson completed his remarks, basically thanking everyone involved for their attention to the matter, Commissioner J.L. Weeks asked the county administrator Wilson Mobley to address the issue.

Mobley said he spoke with Charles Webb, the county's E-911 director, following the June 26th meeting. He said Webb indicated that Enterprise Rescue Squad had agreed to look at doing some test runs to the area to see if it will be able to cover

that area of the county with a faster response time.

County maintenance supervisor Phil Rugg reported to commissioners Monday morning a problem from the weekend at the jail. He said inmates melted a couple of sprinkler heads causing some water damage in a portion of the jail.

On Saturday night, Rugg said the inmates melted the sprinkler head which in turn caused some flooding to a portion of the jail. Then, on Sunday, he said the same group of inmates in the

same cell melted the head again.

He said he feels it was a case of inmates having nothing more to do with their time but sit around and think of ways to disrupt.

Commission chairman Bernest Brooks said these type problems most likely happen at other jails as well, and the county needs strong enforcement there to encourage inmates not to cause such problems.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, July 24, at 9 a.m.

County BOE votes to adopt new salary schedule

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, July 6, for the regular monthly meeting and moved quickly through the agenda.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram provided board members with the monthly financial statement for the system, and she said she is pleased with it. Even with ongoing building projects, she said the system is doing what needs to be done.

Board members voted

Thursday evening to adopt the proposed salary schedule for the upcoming school year. Dr. Ingram presented members with a draft of the proposed schedule during a special meeting held Wednesday, June 28, for review.

Ingram noted the salary schedule includes a five percent pay increase approved by the state legislature for educators.

A motion to accept Dr. Ingram's recommendation to adopt the new salary schedule was approved by an unanimous vote from board members.

The only other matter voted on by board members during the meeting included the approval of a recommendation from Ingram regarding personnel matters. After board members approved the personnel recommendations, Ingram said the school system hired 28 new people for the upcoming year.

Personnel matters approved during last Thursday's meeting included:

- Certificated
- Accept the resignation of Randy Grant as physical education teacher at Zion Chapel

School.

- Employ Mike Robinson as a K-12 physical education teacher/driver education teacher at Zion Chapel School.

- Employ Mike Robinson as a coach at Zion Chapel School.

- Employ Jacob Raspberry as band director at Zion Chapel School.

- Employ Kimberly Blevins as a social studies teacher at Zion Chapel School.

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- Employ Amy Bedsole as secretary at New Brockton Elementary School.

Before adjourning the board discussed holding an open house and ribbon cutting for the recently completed renovation project at New Brockton High School. They tentatively decided on Thursday evening, Aug. 3, for the event. This also will be the same night for the next regular scheduled board meeting.

Finally, Dr. Ingram noted the summer break is nearing an end as students are scheduled to return to school Monday, Aug. 7, for the start of the 2006-07 school term.

Area Happenings

2006 ANNUAL MEETING
The Elba Community School System will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, July 13, at 8 p.m. at the Elba Community School. All members are encouraged to attend.

ELBA COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND
The Elba Community Playground project is currently in progress. The project is a partnership between the Elba City and the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency.

EARLY MORNING FIRE DAMAGES HOME... The New Brockton Fire Department responded Monday morning, July 10, to a house fire at 714 Byrd Mill Road just prior to 7:30 a.m. Shortly after 8 a.m., New Brockton called for mutual aid assistance from the Elba Fire Department which also responded to the scene. Firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze and mostly contained it to the inside of the home. However, the fire did cause extensive damage to the inside contents.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Ninety-seven year old Margaret Haire died last week. No one can question that she lived a full life and apparently enjoyed every minute of it. We are never ready for a friend or loved one to die but as was discussed with a member of her family at the funeral home, there couldn't have been a more fitting time. She died on July 4th... and two of America's founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson and former President John Adams. Three great Americans if we do say so ourselves. Even though those two men actually died only hours apart, it was many years ago, long before our 97 year old church buddy Margaret Haire was born. However that didn't diminish her positive influence on countless people throughout her life.

We hear the bleeding hearts in Washington (and other places) vowing that all the killings in Iraq are caused by the American presence in that nation. That is hard to dispute... until Monday when seven explosions in 11 minutes ripped through crowded commuter trains and stations in Mumbai, India, killing at least 147 people and leaving hundreds more bloodied and injured. Now can someone tell us just how America and/or the Republican/George Bush Party can be responsible for the actions of these terrorists in India? Of course if some of them had succeeded in destroying bridges and tunnels in New York, these same complainers would for a brief few weeks be advocating military rule or whatever was necessary to root those rascals out of our society.

The Louisiana congressman, Rep. William Jefferson, implicated in a federal bribery probe, filed papers Tuesday to keep records seized from his Capitol Hill office, under seal while he appeals a federal judge's order allowing investigators to review them. This is after a federal judge ruled that the FBI was within legal rights to execute a search warrant on his congressional office in May. It shouldn't have been a surprise to Williams, federal agents had searched his Washington home last summer and reportedly found \$90,000 hidden in a home freezer. The judge is a man after our heart when he ruled Jefferson's argument that the search was unconstitutional "would have the effect of converting every congressional office into a taxpayer-subsidized sanctuary for crime." That was our reaction when he and his buddies first started complaining of the Capitol Hill office raid. Jefferson is running for re-election and reportedly is filing another appeal in hopes of keeping the information taken in the raid from being released to the public. His lawyer reportedly said release of that info would "damage" the congressman. Having read a good bit about this ongoing case, our reaction is, "I bet it would!"

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, Monday, July 10, 2006, investigated the following: **11:42 p.m.** - Disturbance reported at 713 Simmons St. (10:49 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 411 Addison Ave. (4:38 p.m.). **THURSDAY, JULY 6** - Attempted burglary reported at Industrial Lifts (7:21 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 654 Reynolds (7:52 p.m.). **FRIDAY, JULY 7** - Minor wreck reported on Court St. (10:49 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 411 Addison Ave. (4:38 p.m.). **SATURDAY, JULY 8** - Disturbance (unruly person) reported at 710 Kennedy Dr. (5:56 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1409 Jones St. (6:10 a.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Sunset Blvd. (4:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Hwy. 167 (7:32 p.m.). **SUNDAY, JULY 9** - Disturbance (noise) reported at 1584 Caroline St. (4:19 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 327 Solite Dr. (10:31 p.m.). **CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME & REMAIN ANONYMOUS**

TUESDAY, JULY 4 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 833 Washington Ave. (3:32 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Carver

Sessions comments on improved budget deficit figures

U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), a member of the Senate Budget Committee, made the following statement recently in response to news that the federal budget deficit will be 30 percent lower than the Administration's February forecast. The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) estimates that this year's deficit will be \$296 billion, or 2.3 percent of GDP.

"Today's new OMB deficit projection is a very encouraging sign that our pro-growth tax policies are working. Clearly,

these numbers indicate that real progress is being made on bringing our country's deficit under control. Federal spending is still too high, however, and more work certainly needs to be done. These numbers are encouraging because they show that if we contain the growth of spending, balancing the budget is certainly achievable. Business-as-usual spending increases cannot continue.

"We should build on the progress we have made by enacting the budget process reform package that cleared the House last week. We should build on the progress we have made by enacting the budget process reform package that cleared the House last week. We should build on the progress we have made by enacting the budget process reform package that cleared the House last week.

Sen. Sessions serves on four committees - Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP). He also chairs the Republican Steering Committee. Visit his website at www.sessions.senate.gov.

Card of Thanks

A sincere thanks to all who participated in the singing/fundraiser for Mrs. Ray Nell Weed, held on June 23rd, at the Weed Baptist Church. The attendance, singing and food was great! The generous response financially was far beyond expectations. We live in a wonderful spot of this world. Sincere appreciation goes to the singers who freely gave of their time & talent: Larry Morgan & Group; Max Rayborn/Calvary Baptist Church; Donnie Wilkerson from Brantley Baptist Church; Marie Collins, pianist; and Jimmy Willis from Crestview. All did a wonderful job!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Elba Family,

My name is Grant Hudson. I'm Bobby and Barbara's 4 1/2 year old grandson. I call them "Maw-Maw with the go-cart" and "Paw-Paw." I love having them live right down the road from me now in North Carolina.

I know ya'll miss my "Maw-Maw" and "Paw-Paw" Hudson very much. They sure do miss ya'll too, but don't worry about them. I'm taking really good care of them and keeping them very busy. In fact, "Maw-Maw" and "Paw-Paw" are my #1 fans when I'm playing t-ball and "Paw-Paw" sure does have a lot to say!

Well, I hope everybody in Elba had a Happy 4th of July! Don't forget about your extended family in North Carolina. Please come and visit the Hudson's, anytime.

Take care and God bless, Grant Hudson

Dear Editor:

I taught in Kinston High School from 1949 to 1957 under the principalship of Mr. E.C. Nevin. This I offer in his memory and honor.

When giants fall, the earth should tremble; so, on June 19th last, all of us who knew E.C. Nevin felt the tremor. Truly a giant of the spirit, intellect, and education, he touched the lives of thousands of students, colleagues, and citizens during his life as teacher, principal of Kinston High School, and president of MacArthur Technical College. His reputation as an excellent educator was widespread, his work as a lay speaker in the Methodist Church was more than well respected, and as a guest speaker to many groups representing a variety of professions and careers was evidence of his broad range of interest and knowledge. His favorite topic: What makes Kinston High School so special? There is not enough space here to present his explanation.

His approach to education was realistic and workable. Mr. Nevin firmly believed that everyone had the potential to succeed in life. He once said to me, "Look around and you will find very few real failures, even among those who were poor academic students." And on another occasion, "Success breeds success, but failure does nothing but discourage. Find a way for every student to succeed at something," and, "Don't run a student out of school; then you can't do anything for him." One of my favorite stories about this man goes like this: It was reported to Mr. Nevin that a certain 7th grade boy was on the playground "cussing" him. The wise school man promptly called the young man to his office, and instead of the expected corporal punishment, asked the boy to "police" the elementary school boys' bathroom. What a change a little respect and responsibility made in that 7th grader!

Visitors to Kinston High School often wondered how Mr. Nevin kept the school so clean. Years went by without so much as a mark on the walls or furnishings. His secret: He made every child feel that the school was his second home, and you don't damage your own home and things.

As a lifelong Methodist, Claude was extremely knowledgeable in both the theology and history of United Methodist. My last conversation with him was about the history of Tallapoosa First United Methodist Church

my wife and I were completing. He expressed interest, knowledge, and appreciation of Methodist locally, nationally, and internationally. When this book is published, the Kinston Methodist Church will be presented a copy in his honor and memory.

In 1969, when I announced to my college classes that I was retiring, one question they asked was, "Would you go back to high school teaching?" My answer was always, "If I could go back to Kinston High School in the 50's, with the staff, faculty, and the principal it had then, no hesitation. A firm, loud, "Yes."

This good man now lies at rest. Jack P. Solomon
307 James Street
Tallapoosa, AL 36078

Letter to the Editor,

Every two seconds someone in this country needs blood just to survive. While some 80 percent of us have the ability to become donors as eligible blood donors, the truth is, in the Alabama and Central Gulf Coast Region, only four percent of those eligible actually give the gift of life. The excuses for not giving are readily available: unfortunately, because of this, the blood that can save lives is not always so easy to come by.

Blood given by a volunteer donor can save a neighbor, a coworker, a fellow church member or a family member. Chances are, even if you are not a blood recipient, someone you know and love is. The demand for blood is tremendous. A traffic accident victim can need from four to 50 units of blood. A heart bypass patient can receive up to six units of blood. Organ transplants can require hundreds of units to ensure patient survival. It is critical that blood is on the shelves when it is needed, and the only source of this life-saving gift is people like you and me.

Currently, the American Red Cross is experiencing a shortage of blood in our region. Decreases in summer collections, increased demand and weather-related catastrophes have together lowered the blood supply. An emergency appeal has been issued, meaning blood stocks have fallen well below optimum levels. With a dangerously low blood inventory, elective surgeries may be postponed, lives may be in jeopardy and blood may be rationed on a case-by-case emergency basis. Now more than ever, our community needs everyone to roll up their sleeves and become heroes by donating blood. We can make a difference in the lives of area hospital patients by donating blood.

This summer, take the time to give blood. Find a blood drive or donor center near you by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or by visiting www.givelife.org. When you give blood you give the gift of life, and there is really no greater gift one can give.

Give blood, give life, Evan Duffy
Communications Specialist
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and Central Gulf Coast Region

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Obituaries

JOSEPH RICHARD BOWERS

Mr. Joseph Richard "Ricky" Bowers, age 49, of Brantley, Ala., died Wednesday, July 5, 2006 at his residence.

Survivors include her daughter, Sara Mims, Burnsville, N.C.; her granddaughter, Amanda Ford, and grandson-in-law: Kirby Ford, both of Elba.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 9, 2006, at Ashland United Methodist Church, Columbia, S.C. Interment followed at The Denmark Cemetery, Highway 78 in Denmark, S.C.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wiregrass Hospice, P.O. Box 1, Andalusia, Alabama 36420 or to the American Cancer Society.

Survivors include his wife: Bobbie Bryan Bowers, Brantley; two children: Jordan Griggs Bowers and Joseph Bryan Bowers, both of Brantley; his mother: Angele Bowers, Elba; three sisters: Cathy Pippin, Elba, Debbie Bowers, Elba, and Becky Daly, Montgomery, Ala.

SARAH MARGARET (STEVENS) HAIRE
Mrs. Sarah Margaret (Stevens) Haire, age 97, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, July 4, 2006 at her home in Elba.

Funeral services were held July 8, 2006 at 5 p.m. at Elba United Methodist Church with Rev. Stanley Carter officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

In lieu of flowers, the Haire family requests contributions to the Vanderbilt School of Nursing Scholarship in Mrs. Haire's honor. Vanderbilt School of Nursing, Gift Processing, P.O. Box 357727, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37203. Mrs. Haire was a 1929 graduate of

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- **ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES** - Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m. - Ino Baptist Church. Call 569-0770 or visit the website www.inobaptist.com
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- **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Tuesday, July 11, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Elba City Hall
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- **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room - Elba High School
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon - 12:30 - 430 New Brantley - Farm Center Complex RM-5858
- **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
- **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po. Poles - Enterprise
- **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M., the FBO office at the Airport
- **AARP** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High School locker room
- **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB** - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
- **ELBA KIWANIS CLUB** - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 a.m. - Ranch House

Vanderbilt School of Nursing. Mrs. Haire was preceded in death by her husband, H. Stokes Haire; and a daughter, "Baby Sister" Mary Stokes Haire.

Survivors include her daughter, Sara Mims, Burnsville, N.C.; her granddaughter, Amanda Ford, and grandson-in-law: Kirby Ford, both of Elba.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 9, 2006, at Ashland United Methodist Church, Columbia, S.C. Interment followed at The Denmark Cemetery, Highway 78 in Denmark, S.C.

Denise was born in Columbia, S.C. and is survived by her mother: Martha Haire, Eastburn, Columbia, S.C.; her father and step-mother: Colonel Charles E. and Judy S. Eastburn, Elba, Ala.; a brother: Charles E. Eastburn Jr., Columbia; a step-brother: Jeff T. Huckleby, Orlando, Fla.; two sisters: Beth Groleau and Deborah Suttlemyre, Columbia; a step-sister: Cindy L. Shuck, Destin, Fla.; a brother-in-law: Wayne Suttlemyre; along with her niece and nephews.

SARA JO LITTLETON
Mrs. Sara Jo Littleton, age 79, of New Brantley, Ala., died Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at the Enterprise Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 12, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Billy Paul McCollough officiating. Burial followed in Waters Cemetery (Mixon Crossroads Community) with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the New Brantley Senior Citizens Center c/o 130 Vester Cole St., New Brantley, AL 36351.

Mrs. Littleton was preceded in death by her husband, Doc Littleton.

Survivors include two sisters: Betty (husband, Earl) Gill, Ozark, Ala.; Kayron (husband,

Pre-need funeral planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home
For details Call 897-2225

ELBA CITY SCHOOLS and **COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS** today announced their policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR FREE MEALS			HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ELIGIBILITY SCALE FOR REDUCED-PRICE MEALS		
	PER YEAR	PER MONTH	PER WEEK		PER YEAR	PER MONTH	PER WEEK
1	12,740	1,062	245	1	18,130	1,511	349
2	17,160	1,430	330	2	24,420	2,035	470
3	21,580	1,799	415	3	30,710	2,560	591
4	26,000	2,167	500	4	37,000	3,084	712
5	30,420	2,535	585	5	43,290	3,608	833
6	34,840	2,904	670	6	49,580	4,132	954
7	39,260	3,272	755	7	55,870	4,656	1,075
8	43,680	3,640	840	8	62,160	5,180	1,196

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PARENTS: If your total current household income is within the limits listed above, your children may be eligible for either free or reduced-price meals.

They may apply by completing the application forms sent home with a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. The information on the application may be verified at any time during the program year. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year.

In accordance with program regulations school officials will be verifying the income of some households at some time during the school year. Selected households will be requested to provide income documentation in order to continue receiving free and reduced-price meals.

The social security number must be provided for the primary wage earner or household member who signs the application. Aliens ineligible for social security numbers should indicate their status on the application.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has such children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, they should contact the school.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability.

Under the provision of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the principal or lunchroom manager of each respective school will review the applications and determine eligibility.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling or the official, he may wish to discuss it in more detail with that official. If a parent wishes to review the ruling further after discussing it with the school, he has a right to a fair hearing. This can be done by making a request either orally or in writing to Amelia Rhoades, whose address is Elba City Schools, 131 Tiger Drive, Elba, AL 36323 or Dr. Linda B. Ingram, Superintendent, whose address is 400 Reddick Hill Rd., Elba, AL 36323.

Hearing procedures are outlined in the free and reduced-price meal policy.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the household should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income falls at or below the level shown above.

A complete copy of the Policy is on file in each school and in the office of the Superintendent of Elba City Schools and Coffee County Schools (where) it may be reviewed by any interested party.

All questions on the free and reduced-price application must be completed. Failure to include information on household members, income or food stamp case number, information on social security, and the signature of an adult household member will result in the denial of benefits.

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LIFESTYLES

Miss Bryan and Mr. Grant to be united in marriage on Saturday, July 29th



Miss Bryan & Mr. Grant

Interview for Miss Agriculture will be held Thursday, July 20th

The interview process used to select Coffee County Miss Agriculture will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2006, at the Coffee County Farm Center Community Room beginning at 5 p.m. Interested applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25 and live or attend school in Coffee County. Dress for the interview process is formal business suit. Miss Coffee County Agriculture will represent Coffee County at various agricultural and community functions throughout the year to bring awareness to agriculture in the area. She will receive a cash prize totaling \$400 at the county level, and represent Coffee County at the state level, competing for a \$2,000 scholarship and the use of a new car for 1 year. The first runner up will receive a cash prize of \$200 and the second runner up will receive a cash prize of \$100. Applications can be picked up at the ALFA offices located in Enterprise or Elba. For additional information contact Dixie Lavender at (334) 735-9211 or Shirley York at (334) 347-9558. The deadline to enter the competition is Tuesday, July 18.

University of Alabama President's & Dean's List for spring term announced

A total of some 4,100 students enrolled during the spring 2006 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List with academic records of 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or above or the President's List with academic records of 4.0 (all As). The Dean's and President's Lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or students enrolled during the spring 2006 term at The University of Alabama who take less than a full course of study. Elba: AL Mallory P Allen Deans List Stephanie Christina Sasser President's List New Brockton (AL) Deans List Lauren Rachel Allums Laura Kaye Horton Brett A Pearson John J Windham.



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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anthony "Tony" Pynes of Brantley would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jerri Leigh Bryan to Jason Blake Grant, son of Rickey and Marcia Grant of Opp.

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Jimmy Jones Bryan of Brantley.

She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Robert Walon "Moon" Bryan and Mrs. Delatha Bryan of Brantley and George Malcom "Bud" Bryan, Sr. and the late Mrs. Talatha Bryan of Brantley and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Pynes, also of Brantley.

She is a 2004 graduate of Brantley High School and is enrolled at the University of Alabama where she is pursuing a major in Human Development with a concentration in Family Studies and a minor in the Blount Undergraduate Initiative. The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. I. D. Bowers and Mrs. Bonnie Inez Rodgers of Opp and the late Mr. and Mrs. Gervis Edward Grant, also of Opp.

He is a 2001 graduate of Opp High School and is currently employed as a store manager in Tuscaloosa.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 29, 2006 at Mount Olive Baptist Church of Elba at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with a reception immediately following. No local invitations are being sent but all friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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RICARDO AND LEIGH ANN MEDINA of Dothan, Ala., announce the birth of their son, Ruben Gabriel. Gabriel was born on May 4, 2006 at Flowers Hospital and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Dwayne and JoAnne Jones of Elba and Jamie and Teresa Medina of Mexico City, Mexico. Great-grandparents are Ann Morrow and the late Farrah D. Morrow and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jones, all of Elba.

Gabriel arrived in time to attend his mother's pinning ceremony and graduation from Auburn University Montgomery. The pinning ceremony for nursing graduates was held May 11 at AUM.

Leigh Ann Medina also received the Bachelor's of Science in nursing degree during commencement exercises at AUM on May 13th.

She has been employed in the SICU at Flowers Hospital since receiving an Associate's degree in nursing from Wallace Community College in 2003.

McCullough/McCollough family reunion planned for July 23rd

The annual McCollough/McCollough family reunion will be held Sunday, July 23, 2006, at the Enterprise Civic Center, Enterprise, AL. All direct and indirect descendants of Thomas (1804-1878) and Nancy (Allen) McCollough (1821-1907) of Coffee County, AL, family and friends are invited to attend. Families may bring a covered dish which will be served at noon. Doors at the civic center will open at 10:00 AM for early arrivals, and remain open until 3:00 PM. Any family historical data or old family photos attendees would like to share, are encouraged. Further information may be obtained by contacting Junior McCollough at 334-347-6412 or Mrs. Judy McGhee at 334-393-4450.

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Lewis to be honored on Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Lewis to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary will be held at Gatherings, 105 N. Lee Street, New Brockton on Sunday, July 16, 2006, from 2:00 until 4:00 PM. The celebration will be hosted by their children Cindy (Steve) Mills of Level Plains, Ala., and Keith (Merr) Lewis of Enterprise, Ala.

New Arrival

JOSHIA KERWIN
LATRELL RAYBORN



Josiah Kerwin Latrell Rayborn

Yolanda Horstead of Opp and Larry Rayborn of Elba announce the birth of their son, Josiah Kerwin Latrell Rayborn. He was born July 2, 2006, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. He weighed 6 pounds and was 20 inches long.

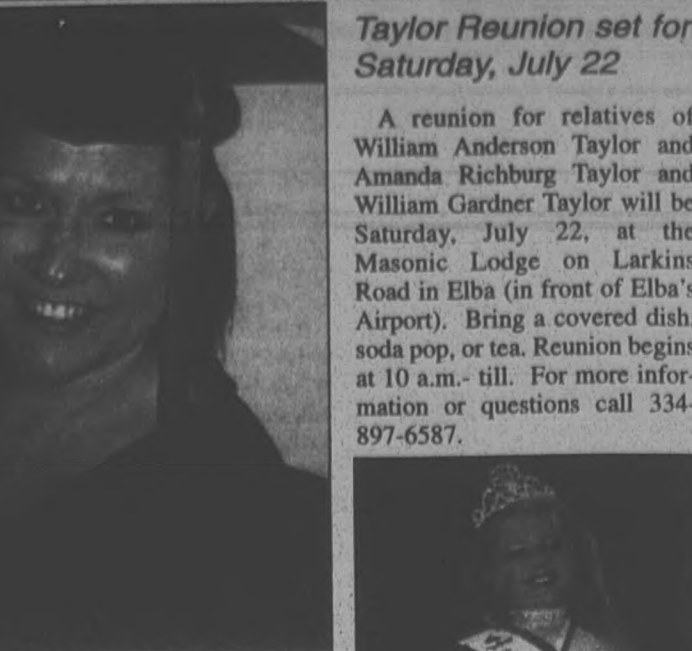
Maternal grandparents are Jeffery and Claudia Horstead of Opp. Paternal grandparents are Gwen Coleman and Tommy Rayborn of Elba.

Deadline

For Social

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Monday!



Taylor Reunion set for Saturday, July 22

A reunion for relatives of William Anderson Taylor and Amanda Richburg Taylor will be Saturday, July 22, at the Masonic Lodge on Larkins Road in Elba (in front of Elba's Airport). Bring a covered dish, soda pop, or tea. Reunion begins at 10 a.m. - till. For more information or questions call 334-897-6587.



Molly McDaniel crowned "Greater Geneva County Forestry Princess"

Molly McDaniel was crowned "Greater Geneva County Forestry Princess" in a preliminary Forestry Pageant on Saturday, June 17, in Hartford.

She will go on to compete for the Little Miss Alabama Forestry title on July 15-20, 2006. This event will be held at the Trojan Center at Troy University. The Alabama Forestry Pageant program is a scholarship program.

Molly is the daughter of Mike and Christy McDaniel of Enterprise. Her grandparents are Tom and Judy Melo of Elba and Dewey and Jean McDaniel of New Brockton.

The Republican Women of Coffee County to meet July 19th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/lunch program on July 19th, 11 AM to 1 PM at Po-Folks. The July speaker will be Ricky Snellgrove, a candidate for the Alabama State House of Representatives, District 91. Call Jan White for more information, 348-2451.



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Attaining Truth..

"Buy the truth and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding" (Proverbs 23:23 King James).

Some contemporary translations read as follows: Buy truth, don't sell it for love or money; buy wisdom, buy education, buy insight (The Message). Get the facts at any price, and hold on tightly to all the good sense you can get (The Living Bible). Get the truth and never sell it; also get wisdom, discipline, and good judgment (New Living Translation).

The word buy here means to attain, arrive at or get the truth. This advice is greatly needed today, for more and more people are questioning the value of truth. Too few folk are buying the truth for at least four reasons. They involve price, popularity, practicality, and the picture of truth.

Price. Truth is not found in bargain bins and discount centers. There are not periodic sales to greatly reduce its price. It is always a costly item. It has cost some folks their friends, other jobs, and it has even cost some their lives. But the price is worth it. Truth is extremely valuable.

Popularity. It is not exciting enough to some. It seems dull and drab compared to the lie. The gown of loyalty, faithfulness, and commitment has seldom been the popular style of the day. You wear truth and you will be an odd number. But wise individuals will dress according to truth, not according to what is popular.

Practicality. Some do not purchase truth because they do not think truth a necessity. Truth seems to many to be a handicap. We are often told that to be a successful businessman, salesman, or politician, we must compromise (sell) the truth otherwise our sales and promotions and votes will be few. Such arguments seem reasonable to the naive but the policy of false witness will never gain the approval or blessing of God. Nothing is more practical than truth.

Picture. Another reason few buy the truth is that the picture of truth is Jesus Christ. Too few folk are interested in Him. Yet He said He was the way, the TRUTH, and the life (John 14:6). If you want to get ahead in the right world, and if you want heaven for eternity, buy (attain, arrive at, get) that statement which Jesus Christ made. And do not fret if the price is high and it is not popular and the world says it is not practical. Buy the truth anyway.

Vacation Bible School planned for July 17-19 at Basin Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School is planned for July 17, 18 & 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church. The theme will be "Brave Believers". There will be classes provided for all ages. Everyone is invited to attend.

Annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery set for July 22

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 22, at 10 a.m. in the Zoar Holiness Church. A financial report will be given and project work will be outlined for 2006-2007. Everyone interested in the care and upkeep of the cemetery is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Attend the church of your choice this Sunday!

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN	DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert Walters Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service..... 7:00 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service..... 7:15 p.m.	JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Ashley Faulk, Pastor Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service..... 7:15 p.m.	MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION Mary Seavey Sun. School..... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service..... 7:00 p.m.	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Jerry Long, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service..... 7:00 p.m.	VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Dennis Marler, Pastor Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Training Union..... 5:00 p.m. Even. Service..... 6:00 p.m.
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, ALA. Richard Thorn, Sr. Pastor Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:30 a.m. Even. Worship..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service..... 7:00 p.m.	DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Clifford Matthews, Interim Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training..... 5:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed..... 7:00 p.m.	FAITH CHURCH COMMUNITY CHURCH Shirley Randall, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service..... 7:00 p.m.	KINSTON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Training Union..... 5:00 p.m. Even. Service..... 6:00 p.m.	NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL. Helen Linda Williams, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Evening..... 7:30 p.m.	NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Lorelei Flowers, Minister Sun. School..... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	VICTORY TABERNACLE Six Ruby Nell & Doug Lawson, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Worship..... 7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Nathan Carroll, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship..... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service..... 6:30 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Gunatill, Minister Bible Study..... 9:00 a.m. Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Gunatill, Minister Bible Study..... 9:00 a.m. Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.	LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hamilton, Minister Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service..... 7:00 p.m.	NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - PRINCE W. K. Ellison, Pastor Evening Worship..... 6:00 a.m. Morning Worship..... 6:00 a.m. Tuesday Evening..... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening..... 7:00 p.m.	OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:30 a.m. Even. Service..... 6:00 p.m.	WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Rev. Bobby Holladay Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet..... 6:30 p.m.
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class..... 6:30 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Rev. Stanley, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Rev. David Tadlock Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night..... 7:00 p.m.	LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.	NEW BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Ben McKee, Pastor Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.	PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Bro. Hollis Bradley, Pastor Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet..... 7:00 p.m.	WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Randall Pearson Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet..... 6:30 p.m.
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BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship..... 6:00 p.m.	ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Bold Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service..... 6:30 p.m.	ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor, Rev. Roger Miller Sun. School..... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Service..... 6:30 p.m.	MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Ray Layton, Pastor Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting..... 6:30 p.m.	NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH Sun. School..... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet..... 6:30 p.m.	SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Bro. Joe Parry, Pastor Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet..... 6:30 p.m.	ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Chris Barrow, Pastor Sun. School..... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service..... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service..... 7:00 p.m.
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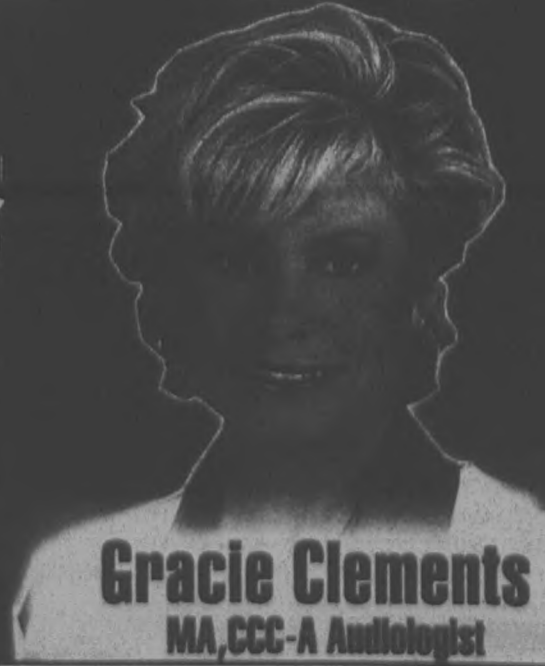


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Elba High School students can pick up class schedules, purchase parking permits and rent lockers for the coming school year July 31-August 3. The office will be open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day.

Seniors may pick up schedules on Monday, July 31. Juniors and Sophomores can pick schedules up on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Freshman and eighth grade can pick their schedules up on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Seventh grade orientation will be Thursday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish meal accounts. They will also have a brief tour of the school. Lockers are \$5 and parking permits are \$10 for the 2006-2007 school year. Paid meals for students are 50 cents for breakfast and \$1.50 for lunch.

w/ticket or paid in the lunchroom. Reduced price meals are 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch w/ticket only. Students are reminded that all book bags should be transparent or made of mesh material that is 1/2 inch open mesh or larger. Students are also reminded of the dress code as outlined in the Student Handbook. Students who drive MUST

register their vehicle in the school office.

The first day for students is Monday, Aug. 7 (1/2 day). Everyone will meet in the auditorium at 7:45 a.m. for a brief assembly program.

Following the assembly, students will attend an abbreviated class schedule, and school will be dismissed at 11:20 a.m.

Elba Elementary School's 2006-07 Supply List

KINDERGARTEN

White ELMER'S School Glue (no other brands, no gels, no glue sticks)
CRAYOLA Crayons- 8 count (NO other brand)
Pencil (Jumbo or Regular)
Scissors (FISKAR Brand only)
KINDER MAT (red/blue trifold)
1/2 inch 3 ring notebook
100 Sheet Spiral Notebook
3 Rolls of Paper Towels EACH NINE WEEKS
\$10 for a Kindergarten T-shirt
\$3.00 Plastic folder/ Student Calendar (sold in the office)
Nylon Pouch- for crayons (no supply box)
All boys need to bring Ziplock Snack Size Bags and Construction Paper.
All girls need to bring Ziplock Gallon Size Bags and Kleenex. Please send one complete change of clothes (shirt, pants, and underwear) in a gallon size bag in case your child has an accident. These clothes will stay in your child's book bag in case they are needed. Please put your child's name on both sides, top and bottom of their mats. Also put their names on all of their supplies: glue, scissors, pencils, jackets, and on each separate crayon.

FIRST GRADE

Elmer's Glue (2)
Clear Zipper Supply Pouch (No supply boxes)
Fiskar Scissors
Pencils (2)
Facial Tissue (3)
Hand Sanitizer
Crayons- 24 or 36 Count (2)
Composition Notebook (2)
Plastic Supply Box
Boys Only- Gallon Ziplock Bags
Girls Only- Quart Ziplock Bags
Dry Erase Markers (EXPO)
\$4.00 for paper
\$3.00 for student calendar and plastic folder
Paper towels (3)

SECOND GRADE

Crayola Crayons- 24 Count
Fiskar Scissors
Pencils- 10 Count (4)
Large Glue Stick (4)
Large Bottle Elmer's School Glue
Wide-ruled Notebook Paper (4)
1 Subject Composition Books (wire bound) (3)
1 Ream Copy Paper
3-Prong Plastic Folders (4)
Large Pack Construction Paper (no tear out) (1)
Zippered Pencil Pouch
Cap Erasers (1 Pack)
Paper Towels (6)
Kleenex (2)
Hand Sanitizer (1)
Girls- Quart Size Ziplock Freezer Bags
Boys- Gallon Size Ziplock Freezer Bags
\$3.00 Student Calendar/ Plastic Folder
\$3.75 Scholastic News
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THIRD GRADE

Composition Notebook- Spiral (4)
Paper Towels (4)
Kleenex (3)
Pocket Folders (3)
Three-ring Binder
Notebook Paper-Wide Ruled (2)
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Red Pens
Blue Pens
Fiskar Scissors
Crayons
Construction Paper
Glue
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Soap and Germ-X
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Boys- Gallon Size Ziplock Bags
Girls- Quart Size Ziplock Bags
\$5.00 for Accelerated Math Paper
\$3.00 Student Calendar/ Plastic Folder

FOURTH GRADE

Ziploc Bags
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\$5.00 for Scholastic News Magazine
\$3.00 Plastic Folder/Student Calendar
(4) Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper
Crayons
Red Pens
Blue Pens
Colored Pencils
Steno Pad
Ruler (Inch-Centimeter)
Pencils (2)- NO LEAD PENCILS
Paper Towels (4)
Kleenex (2)
Glue Sticks
Scissors
Large 3-Ring Binder
Dividers with Tabs (6)
Hand Soap
Supply Pouch That Fits In Binder
Mesh Book Bag ONLY
NO COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS OR PENCIL SHARPENERS.

FIFTH GRADE

\$5.00 Weekly Reader Fee
\$3.00 Student Calendar/ Folder
Loose Leaf Paper
Pencils
Red Pens
Blue Pens
Pencil Sharpener with Lid
Paper Towels (2 Per Nine Weeks)
Kleenex (2)
Colored Pencils
Glue Stick (2)
Supply Pouch
Ziplock Bags (Gallon or Quart)
Pocket Folders with Brads (4)
One-Subject Spiral Notebook (2)
Fiskar Scissors
Steno Pad
Mesh Book Bag (Or bag that can be rolled up and put in cubby)
Hand Sanitizer (3)

SIXTH GRADE

Mesh Book Bags or one that can be rolled up and put in cubby (NO Pull Cart Bookbags)
3 Ring Zip Binder
Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
6 Subject Dividers
Pencils
Red Pen
Blue Pen
Paper Towels (3)
Tissue (2)
Hand Sanitizer
Quart Size Ziplock Bags
\$5.00 Accelerated Math Fee
\$3.00 Student Calendar/Folder
Additional supplies may be added by individual teachers at Sixth Grade Orientation.

MRS. FARMER

Crayons
Scissors
Glue
Wide Ruled Notebook Paper
Pencils
1 Inch Binder (2)
Paper Towels (3)
Dial Pump Antibacterial Soap (2)
Kleenex (2)

MRS. RHOADES

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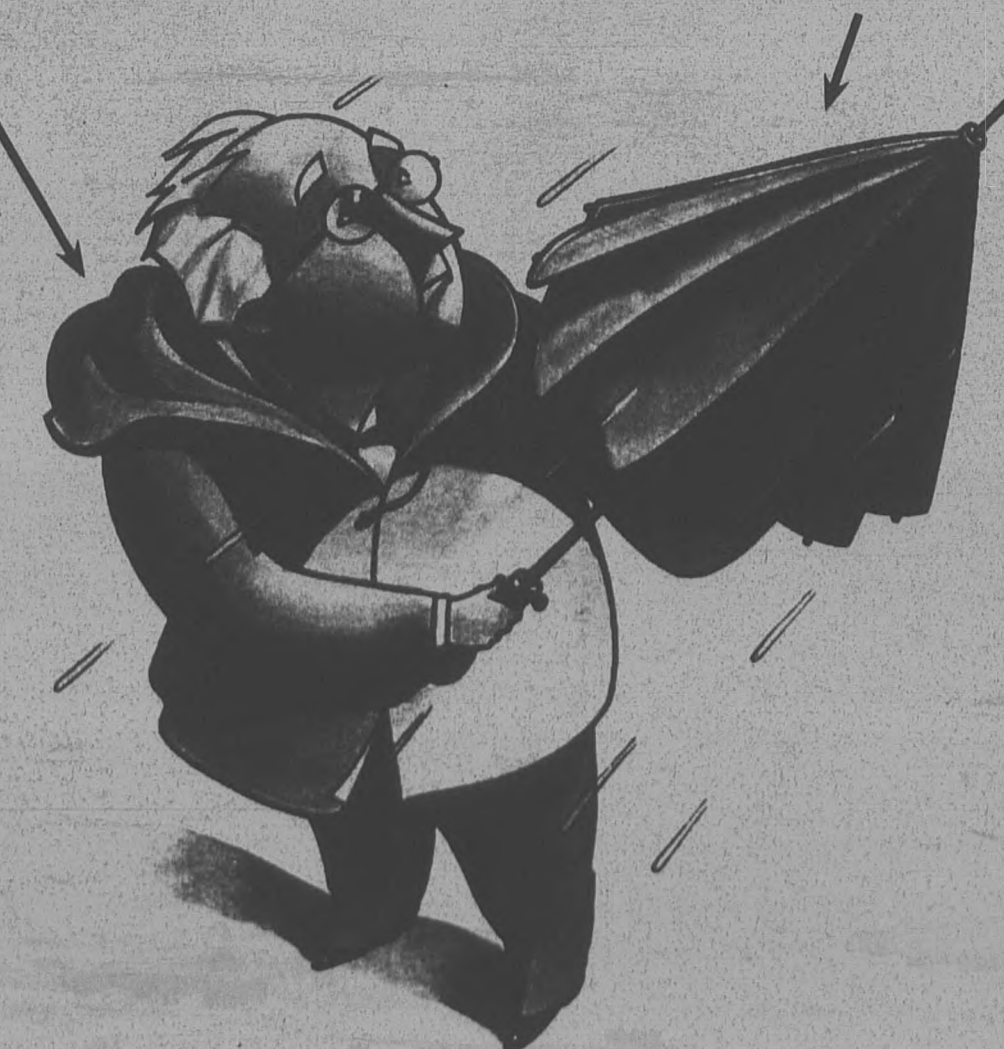
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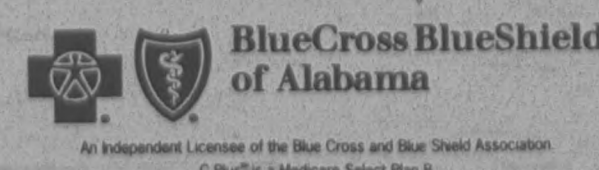


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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

The MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama to meet July 15th

The MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will hold its general membership meeting Saturday, July 15, at 12 noon in the community room located at the county complex in New Brockton. There will be a covered dish lunch.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the Rural Health and Minority Program and the Indian Education Program.

Letter's Testimonial upon the Last will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on July 7, 2006, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that each person having any claim against said Estate of Edward Claude Nevin is required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the Office of said Judge of Probate within six months of the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

If Melanie wants to wear jeans and t-shirts to school this fall she won't have to worry about buying any t-shirts. She has played softball almost every weekend for the past month and has managed to bring home t-shirts from every tourney. I'm sure she will still get some new clothes and will need some new jeans. However, when she gets dressed out for physical ed or ball practice she will be ready to go.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** I know the Dixie Ponytails and Dixie Debs All-Stars were both disappointed last week to bring home the second place trophy from their district tournaments. However, the girls softball teams both came close to earning a trip to state and left their mark on what was already one of the best summer's ever for the Elba All-Star teams. I know I wrote about the all-star season last week, but I am so proud of the players and coaches that I have to mention them again! In baseball, the Dixie Minor Stars placed second in sub-district and earned a spot at district, while the Dixie Youth will host district, the Dixie Boys placed second at sub-district to earn a spot at district and the Pre-Majors competed at district and posted one win before being ousted. That means that all four of the Elba All-Star teams in baseball competed or will compete at the district level. Over in softball, the Dixie Angels posted a big win over Greenville at sub-district, the Dixie Ponytails won the sub-district title and then placed second at district, the Dixie Belles claimed a sub-district win over Troy and the Dixie Debs also placed second at district. Two of the four girls' teams made it to district, making six of the eight all-star teams to make it to the second round of all-star competition. With two teams still alive there is still a chance that the best is yet to come and one of the teams will earn a spot at the state tournament. Good luck.

*** The Elba High basketball team has been hard at work this summer and took advantage of a new rule to play in four tournaments. The tournaments were round-robin events that included teams such as Florala, Opp, Red Level, Pleasant Home and Andalusia, and while the Tigers didn't bring home a bunch of wins, the players got the chance to get on the court and play together. With Coach Johnson sitting on the bench that had to help.

*** In closing.... the Atlanta Braves went 7-3 on their final home stand before the All-Star break and the Braves announcers are now predicting a second half surge and a possible run to the pennant. I know sometimes the guys have to be loyal to keep their jobs, but to even hint Atlanta may rally and make up 14 games in only half a season is a little much.

Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars travel to Geneva this weekend to begin district tournament competition

The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars will hit the road this weekend as they begin play in the Dixie Minor District 9 Baseball Tournament, in Geneva.

A total of nine teams will compete in the double-elimination event, with the field to include the Troy Americans, Luverne, Slocumb, the Troy Nationals, Elba, Greenville, Geneva, the Enterprise Americans and the Enterprise Nationals.

"We are all excited about making it to the district tourney," said Elba's Coach Marty Marler. "but we also know that the best teams in the district will be in the tournament and know that we will have to play our best to get a win." The Enterprise and Troy both have two teams in the tournament and are always the teams to beat, while we will open up against Greenville and know we will have our hands full since it won its tourney. It will be a great experience for our youngsters to compete at district and hopefully we will win some games and let the other teams know what kind of ball we play here in Elba."

Following is the tournament schedule:

FRIDAY, JULY 14

(Game 1) 6:00 - Troy Americans vs. Luverne (F4)

(Game 2) 6:00 - Slocumb vs. Troy Nationals (F3)

(Game 3) 8:00 - Elba vs. Greenville (F4)

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At District Tourney

Elba Ponytails All-Stars settle for second

The Elba All-Stars competed in the Dixie Ponytails Dixie Six Softball Tournament last week in Andalusia and posted a 2-2 record to place second in the five-team event.

"I am extremely proud of the girls and the other coaches for the hard work and sacrifice they all made during tournament play," said Coach Kevin Matthews. "We all felt like we had the team to win the tournament and move on to state, but looking back I believe Dothan had a better team than we did and they deserved the trip to the state tournament. Our girls never quit trying and claimed wins over Andalusia and Troy, but just couldn't get past Dothan. This bunch of girls has a lot of talent and should be heard off for years to come in tournaments."

Following are highlights of last week's tournament action:

ELBA 10
ANDALUSIA 0

Morgan Matthews pitched a two-hit shut-out and Elba made the most of six hits in rolling to a 10-0 opening round win over Andalusia. The All-Stars combined three walks with a single by Molly McGuire and a two-run double by Kelli Behrens to jump out to as 4-0 first inning lead, then pushed their lead to 6-0 in the second when Brianna Jackson and Lizzie Carney both scored home on an error off the bat of McGuire. Five walks and an error helped Elba up its lead to 9-0 in the third, and the game ended in the fourth when Paige Gibson singled and later scored on a fielder's choice to give the All-Stars a 10-0 win. Kelli Behrens had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Molly McGuire, Paige Gibson and Morgan Matthews all added 1 hit and 1 run scored.

Matthews pitched a two-hit shut-out and struck-out 5 batters in only four innings to get the win.

DOTHAN 3
ELBA 1

Elba saw an early lead fall to hold up in the second round as

In sub-district action

Elba Angels All-Stars post tourney win over Greenville

The Elba All-Stars competed in the Dixie Angels Sub-District Softball Tournament last week in Luverne and posted one win in three outings to place fourth in the six-team event.

"Our girls really played hard in all three games, but our girls never once complained and never quit no matter what happened. I have never been more proud of a group of girls than I am for this team."

Following are highlights of the tourney action:

ELBA 10
GREENVILLE 3

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament against the Greenville All-Stars and made it look easy in posting a 10-3 win. Elba came out ready to play and jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead as Emilee Hudson and Whitney Rugg both crossed the plate. Greenville bounced back to plate three runs in its half of the inning to take a 3-2 advantage and carried the slim lead into the third, only to see Elba plate three runs in the top of the third to regain the lead at 5-3. Alex Ketcham walked to open the inning and came around to score, as did Ariel Scott and A.J. Whitfield. Emilee Hudson reached on a walk and scored in the fourth inning to up the Elba lead to 6-3, while the All-Stars broke the game open in the fifth as they added three runs to extend their lead to 9-3. Paige Dewberry, Ty Carpenter and Heidi McLeod all walked and found their way to the plate in the inning to help Elba take command, while the final run came in the sixth when Emilee Hudson crossed the plate for the



DISTRICT SIX RUNNER-UP... The Elba All-Stars brought home the second place trophy last week as the runner-up at the Dixie Ponytails Dixie Six Softball Tournament. Both of Elba's losses came to Dothan in the annual all-star event.

(Mike Capps photo)

Dothan rallied to pull out the 3-1 win. Elba jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Lindsey Carney led off with a double and later scored on a fielder's choice. However, the All-Stars managed only one hit over the next five innings and watched as Dothan took advantage of three errors in the top of the second to move on top 2-1, and then added a late run without the benefit of a hit to claim the 3-1 win. Lindsey Carney had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Kayla Bagwell added 1 hit. Carney was saddled with the loss on the pitching rubber despite allowing only one earned run on one hit and one walk, with 12 strike-outs.

ELBA 2
TROY 0

Morgan Matthews tossed her second shut-out of the tournament and Elba scored late to take the lead as the All-Stars posted a 2-0 win over Troy. Elba left three runners on base in the opening three innings and found

DOTHAN 8
ELBA 2

Elba jumped out to an early 2-0 lead, but failed to find its way back to the plate and watched as Dothan scored runs in four of its

three times to give the All-Stars the 10-3 win. Emilee Hudson scored 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while scoring 1 run were Whitney Rugg, Alex Ketcham, Ariel Scott, A.J. Whitfield, Paige Dewberry, Ty Carpenter and Heidi McLeod.

BRANTLEY 9
ELBA 2

The Elba All-Stars fell behind early and never recovered in a 9-2 second round loss to the Brantley All-Stars. Elba jumped out to an early 1-0 lead after singles by Whitney Rugg and Alex Ketcham, only to see Brantley answer in its half of the inning and plate five runs to grab a 5-1 advantage. Brantley upped its lead to 7-1 in the third inning and moved ahead 9-1 in the fourth to take command. However, Elba refused to quit and got back on the scoreboard in the sixth when A.J. Whitfield singled and later scored on an rbi single by Ty Carpenter as the All-Stars closed to 9-2. Ty Carpenter had 2 hits to lead Elba at the plate, while Whitney Rugg and A.J. Whitfield both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Alex Ketcham and Ariel Scott both added 1 hit.

COVINGTON CO. 15
ELBA 12

The Elba All-Stars saw a wild sixth inning rally fall short as they were outscored by the Covington County All-Stars 15-12. Elba failed to score in its first trip to the plate, but scored 2 runs in the second inning to grab an early 2-1 lead, while Paige Dewberry and Ty Carpenter both drawing walks and later rounding the bases. The score was tied at 2-2 after three innings, but Elba was ready to regain the lead in the fourth and did just that as it plated four runs to move ahead 6-2. A.J. Whitfield singled and later scored to ignite the Elba rally,

Rugg had a big hit to spark the wild final frame, while Paige Dewberry, Heidi McLeod, Faith Dewberry, Paris Person, Harlee McLeod and Emilee Hudson all scored. Whitney Rugg and Alex Ketcham both had 1 hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Paige Dewberry scored 3 runs, Heidi McLeod and Faith Dewberry both scored 2 runs, and Emilee Hudson, A.J. Whitfield, Ty Carpenter, Kaisey Taylor, Paris Person and Harlee McLeod all scored 1 run.



DIXIE ANGELS INFIELDER... keeps her eye on the ball in action last week in the Sub-District softball tournament, in Luverne. Elba posted an opening round win over Greenville in the tournament.

(Laura Baxley photo)

SPORTS

At Legion Field Park

Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars to host District 9 Baseball Tournament on July 14-20

Elba's American Legion Park will be the place to be for Dixie Youth Baseball fans this weekend when seven teams invade Legion Field to compete in the 2006 Dixie Youth District 9 Baseball Tournament.

The double-elimination tournament will begin on Friday with three games, and will also have three games on Saturday and Monday, with a double-header scheduled for Tuesday and single games set for Wednesday and Thursday.

"We are excited about hosting the District Tournament and hope to represent our league well," said Coach Greg Hanchey. "We have been practicing for almost a month and have worked hard on fundamentals. The extra weeks of work have been both good and bad in that the extra work has allowed us to work on all the little things we needed to work on, while it also means we haven't played in a game and play well once the first pitch is thrown."

Following is a schedule of the tournament games:

FRIDAY, JULY 14

(Game 1) 4:00 - Brantley vs. Greenville

(Game 2) 6:00 - Elba vs. New Brockton

(Game 3) 8:00 - Luverne vs. Samsom

SATURDAY, JULY 15

(Game 4) 4:00 - Geneva vs. Game 3 winner

(Game 5) 6:00 - Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser

(Game 6) 8:00 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner

MONDAY, JULY 17

(Game 7) 4:00 - Game 4 loser vs. Game 6 loser

(Game 8) 6:00 - Game 3 loser vs. Game 5 winner

(Game 9) 8:00 - Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner

TUESDAY, JULY 18

(Game 10) 6:00 - Game 9 loser vs. Game 7 winner

(Game 11) 8:00 - Game 9 winner vs. Game 8 winner

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

(Game 12) 7:00 - Game 11 winner vs. Game 10 winner

THURSDAY, JULY 20

(Game 13) 7:00 - If Needed

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Summer night fishing can yield big catches of catfish and crappie

HERE IT COMES... Elba Dixie Minor All-Star pitcher Hayden Disotell fires a pitch toward the plate in action last week at the Sub-District Tournament. The All-Stars placed second in the tournament to earn a spot in this week's District Tournament, in Geneva.

(Mike Capps photo)

Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars earn district berth with second place finish at sub-district tournament

The Elba All-Stars competed in the Dixie Minor Sub-District Baseball Tournament last week-end at Zion Chapel All-Stars. Elba wasted little time taking command as it combined six walks with two hit batters, three errors and one hit to plate 9 runs in the top of the first. Kysen Edwards had the only hit for the All-Stars in the wild opening inning, while Garrett Smith, Jon Ashley Amison and Chance Johnson all reached on errors after hard grounders. The All-Stars proved the first inning wasn't a fluke as they came back to bat in the second inning and added 9 more runs to up their run total to 18 runs after only two trips to the plate! Elba received six free passes on four walks and two hit batters. However, the Elba bats did come to life in the inning as Kysen Edwards ripped a bases-loaded double, Justin Pope had an rbi single and Garrett Smith also added a single. Elba didn't get any free passes in the third inning, but the first Elba player to put the ball in play when he grounded out to third base in the second inning, while Justin Kidd was the only batter to reach base when he reached on an error in the bottom of the fourth.

Following are highlights of the four games:

TROY 11
ELBA 0

The Elba All-Stars opened the tournament against the Troy All-Stars and managed only one base-runner in four innings as they lost 11-0. Cobe Goosby was the first Elba player to put the ball in play when he grounded out to third base in the second inning, while Justin Kidd was the only batter to reach base when he reached on an error in the bottom of the fourth.

ELBA 7
BRUNDRIDGE 2

The Elba All-Stars remained alive in loser's bracket action as they rolled past the Brundridge All-Stars 7-2. Elba used walks to Garrett Smith and Hayden Disotell and a single off the bat of Logan Bailey to plate 2 runs in the bottom of the first, then added a lone run in the second when Kysen Edwards was hit by a pitch and later scored on an rbi single by Justin Pope. Avery Hanchey reached on an error and later scored on a wild pitch as Elba added to its lead in the bottom of the third, and the All-Stars added three runs in the fifth to take command. A one-out double by Justin Pope ignited the late Elba rally, while Jon Ashley Amison and Ty Stewart both followed with singles, and Chance Johnson delivered a key two-out double to close out the scoring and help Elba claim the win. Justin Pope had 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Chance Johnson added 1 hit and had 2 rbi's; Jon Ashley Amison had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Ty Stewart and Logan Bailey both had 1 hit and scored 1 run; and Garrett Smith, Kysen Edwards and Avery Hanchey all scored 1 run.

TROY 15
ELBA 1

The Elba All-Stars fell behind early and never recovered as they lost to the Troy All-Stars 15-1, in the championship game. Elba scored in the second inning when Kysen Edwards singled and later scored on an rbi single by Jon Ashley Amison. However, the All-Stars left the bases loaded in the second and left two runners on base in the fourth as they took the loss and were forced to settle for second. Kysen Edwards had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while also adding 1 hit were Cobe Goosby, Jon Ashley Amison and Avery Hanchey.

ELBA 21
ZION CHAPEL 5

The Elba All-Stars wrapped

Emergency guide is must reading for all families

A new nine-page emergency preparedness guide for homeowners was recently unveiled in Washington, D.C. The guide is the latest effort by Homeland Security's Ready campaign to encourage Americans to prepare for potential terrorist attacks and emergencies.

The plan is divided into three sections — emergency supplies, emergency planning and specific threats.

The emergency supplies section discusses general supplies, water, food, air and first aid. The emergency planning section discusses how to develop a family communications plan; the importance of working together; what to do in a house or apartment building or in a work, school or daycare setting; whether to stay or leave the building; how to seal a room if you stay; and steps to take if get away. The communication plan also includes a worksheet with vital information on each member of the family and pets, as well as contact information on physicians, veterinarians, medical and home insurance policies, just to name a few.

The guide is available online at <http://www.homeowner-shipliance.com>.

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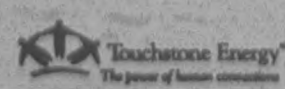


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Henderson named as president of Southeast Alabama Gas District

The Southeast Alabama Gas District (SEAGD) and its Board of Directors recently announced that J. Gregory (Greg) Henderson will succeed James H. (Jim) Smith as President and CEO of the company upon Smith's retirement in July.

Henderson, who has worked with SEAGD as Director of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer for the past eight years, was selected unanimously by the Board of Directors after a nationwide search of candidates.

Henderson brings 20 years of utility industry experience with him into his new position. During his tenure thus far with SEAGD, Henderson has been responsible for developing the company direction and leading in the implementation of those plans in the areas of finance,

accounting, purchasing, plant administration, management information systems and, at times, operations and gas procurement. In addition to his experience with SEAGD, Henderson also has eight years of experience in the electric industry and worked three years in a national audit firm.

Henderson is a graduate of Auburn University and holds a Certified Public Accountant designation. He is married to Doty Henderson, and has two children, Anna and Daniel. "I look forward to leading our company and its employees during this season of change," says Henderson. "Working with Jim has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. He is well-respected throughout the utility industry, in our community and among our employees. It's an honor to



Greg Henderson

be chosen to replace a leader of such stature, and it will be my challenge to serve SEAGD as well as he has.

Late Death Notice:

SAMUEL MICHAEL BROWN
Infant Samuel Michael Brown died Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 12, at 4 p.m. at the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Rev. Scott Hansen officiating. Burial followed with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his parents: Adina Glenn Brown and Joseph Michael Brown, New Brockton; one brother: Cameron Brown, New Brockton; his maternal grandparents: Jackie and Donna Glenn, Enterprise; his paternal grandparents: Jack and Margie Shaffer, Mary Esther, Fla.; his maternal great-grandfathers: Robert Glenn, Level Plains, Ala., Robert E. Jones Sr., Ga.; and his paternal great-grandmother: Jeanette Adkins, New Brockton.

Cancer doctor opens practice in Opp

Dr. Warren R. Amos, newest physician at South Alabama Oncology Center in Opp, is also a new member of the consulting medical staff at Mizell Memorial Hospital.

"Dr. Amos is certified by the American College of Radiology and has privileges at Mizell in the area of radiation oncology," said Dr. Wheeler A. Gurnels, medical director.

The South Alabama Oncology Center is located on the campus of Mizell Memorial Hospital and serves cancer patients in Covington County and surrounding areas.

ADEM urges citizens make hurricane preparedness early

Meteorologists predict another active hurricane season this year in the Southeast, and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management is encouraging families and individuals to make preparations now to protect their lives, property, and the environment.

"The department continues to refine its emergency response program to be able to quickly deal with the environmental impacts of natural disasters," said ADEM Director Trey Glenn. "We urge citizens to prepare for their emergency needs by having a plan ready in advance."

The environment in and around your home can be protected by recycling household hazardous wastes, properly disposing of empty containers and cylinders, securing lawn furniture, trash cans and any other material that can be picked up by high winds

or washed away. If possible, boat owners should empty gas and other on-board tanks and move their vessels well inland prior to landfall.

Preparedness plans also should address adequate water, non-perishable food, extra clothing and other readily available emergency supplies. Maps for primary and alternate evacuation routes and the adoption and practice of a family communications plan are also useful and important.

"Following these guidelines can help sustain lives and safeguard the environment," Glenn added.

The Atlantic hurricane season lasts through November and ADEM emergency response teams will be ready to join an integrated response with local, state and federal emergency agencies in the event of a severe storm.

Some Food Works Better in Disaster Situations

If the immense scale of human suffering following Hurricane Katrina underscores one thing, it's the importance of having on hand an adequate supply of water and food that is long lasting and portable and that offers the biggest nutritional bang for the buck, according to one expert.

A safe drinking water supply is the paramount concern.

"Water really is critical," says Dr. Robert Keith, an

Alabama Cooperative Extension System and Auburn University professor of nutrition and food science.

While healthy people can last a week or, in some cases, even 10 days without water, less healthy people may succumb after only a few days — the reason, he says, why a drinkable water supply, typically in the form of bottled water, should be considered the top priority item before, during and immediately following a disaster.

"Healthy people even in relatively cool conditions need about 2 quarts of water a day to survive — even more under warm conditions, which is precisely what people are contending with along the Gulf Coast," Keith says.

"That may not seem like a lot to someone with running water, but it amounts to a heck of a lot in cases where the water has to be brought in."

In addition to water, people should stock foods that are high in calories, that are not prone to spoilage and that are easy to carry around.

Peanut butter is at the top of the list, Keith says, because it meets all of the criteria.

"A jar of peanut butter not only contains several thousand calories but doesn't have to be refrigerated and fits easily into a sack or back pack," he says.

The same advice generally holds true for dried fruit, energy bars and granola bars — "basically anything that doesn't weigh much, doesn't require refrigeration and is high in calories."

From a nutritional and food safety standpoint, canned goods are okay, though they're heavy, which can be "very inconvenient in cases where people are being evacuated from one shelter to another," Keith says.

Other good choices include nuts, crackers and packaged cheese.

Keith normally advises consumers to avoid fruit products packaged in heavy syrup due to the large numbers of calories and high sugar content. Even so, he says these types of products work well in disaster situations by providing people access to lots of calories.

A third consideration should be stocking foods with ample amounts of protein — one reason why peanut butter is well-suited to disaster situations. Other good bets are canned beans and peas and some packaged cheese products.

While nutritionists typically caution against dried meats, largely because of their large salt and preservative content, Keith says these types of products are still worth considering in cases where refrigeration isn't available.

For that matter, some of the other foods Keith mentions aren't desirable under normal situations either, but, as he stresses, disasters aren't normal situations.

Source: Dr. Robert Keith, Alabama Cooperative Extension System Nutritionist and Auburn University Professor of Nutrition and Food Science, (334) 844-3273.

Amy Baker receives Doctor of Philosophy degree

Amy Baker received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in education administration (with emphasis in sport administration) from the University of Louisville during the spring commencement exercises held on May 13, 2006. She was recognized as the outstanding student for the College of Education and Human Development during their May 2006 convocation.

While at the University of Louisville, Amy was a graduate teaching assistant for the Health and Sport Sciences department where she taught a variety of health, physical activity, and sport administration classes.

Amy is a 1993 graduate of Elba High School. She attended Enterprise State Junior College before transferring to Auburn University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in health promotions in 1998.



Amy Baker

After earning her Master of Science degree in sport and fitness management from Troy State University in 2000,

she will begin as an Assistant Professor at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. in the fall 2006.

Amy is the daughter of Kenneth and Pam Baker, and the granddaughter of Winfred and Dot Baker and Frances Vaughan, all of Elba, Ala.

Street Heat 2006 set for July 22nd in Enterprise

Street Heat 2006, presented by Undefined Customs, will be held Saturday, July 22, in the Southern Family Market parking lot in Enterprise, Ala. For more information, visit the website at: www.undefinedcustoms.com.

Educator's workshop on forest ecosystems at Landmark Park

On July 19th in the Landmark Park auditorium, Project Learning Tree will present a free workshop for educators on forest ecosystems with an included bonus program on Native Americans of Alabama. Each participant will receive a program guide and teaching materials as well as 6 hours of CEU credits. All program information is correlated to the Alabama course of study.

Project Learning Tree "uses the forest as a 'window' on the world to increase students' understanding of our environment; stimulate students' critical and creative thinking; develop students' ability to make informed decisions on environmental issues; and instill in students the commitment to take responsible action on behalf of the environment."

The program begins at 9 am and ends at 3pm and will be held in the Landmark Park auditorium. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks and a snack will be provided. To register for this free event contact Mara Balkcom by phone at 334-774-2334 Extension 100 or by email at marabalkcom@al.usda.gov.

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Molly McDaniel received numerous awards for her hard work Thursday, June 1, during the New Brockton Elementary School Awards Day program. She received the highest average awards in reading, spelling and language arts for first grade. She also received an award for maintaining all As throughout the year and the physical fitness award.

Molly is the daughter of Mike and Christy McDaniel of Enterprise. Her grandparents are Tom and Judy Melo of Elba and Dewey and Jean McDaniel of New Brockton.

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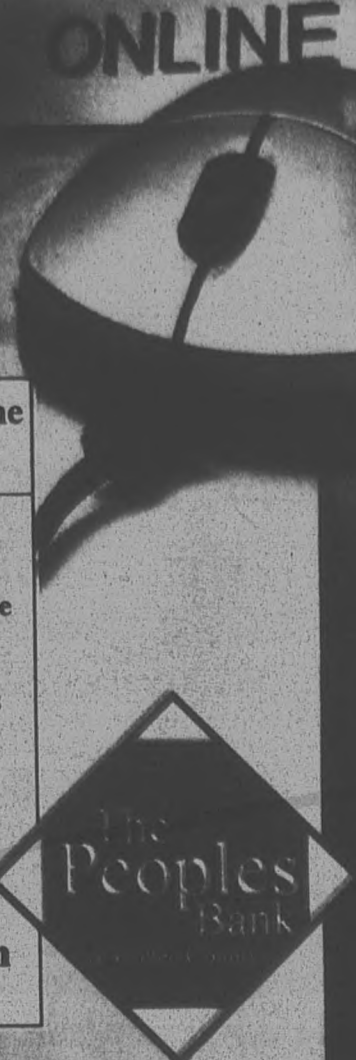
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Hannah Hocutt receives Sam Walton Community Scholarship

Hannah Hocutt, daughter of Keith and Carolyn Hocutt of Huaraz, Peru, was recently awarded a Sam Walton Community Scholarship from the Wal-Mart Foundation for her outstanding leadership during her high school career.

Hannah graduated from home school in Chiquian, Peru, where her parents are missionaries with the International Mission

Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Hannah served as worship leader at the mission church, led a girls' Bible study, and broadcast a weekly two-hour radio program featuring music and programs for adults and children.

She served as a Spanish translator for mission teams working with her parents in the Andes Mountain villages near her

town, including medical, teacher-training, and evangelistic projects. She also participated in short-term construction projects, Bible distributions and missionary training sessions. She wrote an article about her life as a missionary kid which was recently selected for publication in an inspirational magazine for youth.

Hannah has also received a

Missionary Dependent Award from the International Mission Board and a Pastors' Enrollment Scholarship from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., where she is enrolled for summer term.

She is the granddaughter of Evelyn Hocutt of Elba and Hebert and Charlene Burton of New Hope, Ala.



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As expected voter turnout low

Sutton gets Republican nomination in sheriff's race

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A small number of Coffee County voters visited the polls Tuesday, July 18, to cast their vote in the Republican Primary Run-Off Election.

The ballot in Coffee County contained only one local race along with five statewide races.

With 2,950 votes cast in Coffee County, Dave Sutton beat Ricky Barnes to become the Republican nominee for the Coffee County Sheriff's race. Sutton will face the Democratic

nominee, Lance Tindol, in November's General Election to decide the next Sheriff of Coffee County.

While the votes remain unofficial until certified, Tuesday's results showed Sutton with 1,584 votes (54.79 percent) and Barnes with 1,307 votes (45.21 percent).

Sutton and Barnes both were at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton Tuesday evening as the day's results were revealed.

Sutton said he was humbled by everyone coming out to vote. He also said he appreciates everything his supporters have done.

"I just want to tell everyone thank you," he said. "I'm looking forward to representing the Republican party in November."

The Coffee County vote (unofficial) for the five statewide races in the Republican Primary Run-Off Election went as follows:

For Lieutenant Governor

Elba City School officials looking forward to upcoming school year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Like most schools around the state, Board of Education for the Elba City Schools worked hard this summer to fill teaching vacancies and make staff adjustments. Now, with the beginning of the new school year nearing, Superintendent Danny Weeks seems excited about the decisions made regarding personnel.

"We've had lots going on this summer," said Weeks.

He said the new school year will reveal very few new staff members at the elementary school while several changes have been made at the high school.

"We've worked to really strengthen our high school staff," said Weeks.

The superintendent said the high school will welcome some new teachers in English, math and physical education this upcoming year. Also, he said the high school's leadership will include two new faces.

Kevin Killingsworth, a 1987 graduate of Elba High School, will be the new assistant principal at the high school.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to come back to Elba

at Elba Elementary School

Reading program proves successful

by Linda Hodge, Editor

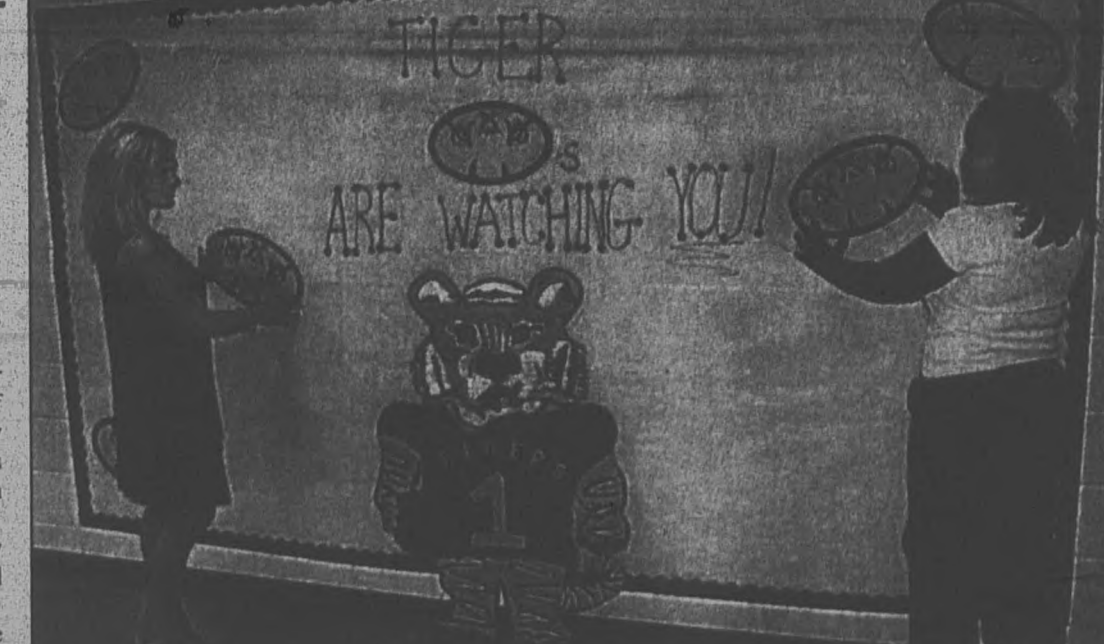
This time last year, educators at Elba Elementary School faced the implementation of a new reading program. To say the least, they were skeptical and nervous not knowing what to expect.

Fast forward one year.

The school's educators now are celebrating a year of overwhelming success and that previously mentioned nervousness has turned to enthusiasm. While not all official test scores from the year have been released by the state, early indicators suggest the new reading program contributed to tremendous gains in student achievement.

The success of the program may also be measured from a recent story in the AEA Journal newspaper featuring the school and reading program. Superintendent Danny Weeks believes the article is a great promotion tool for the school's success in helping students achieve success, as well as, a recognition of the teachers' dedication to the program.

"This time last year, we were facing a lot of change," said



PREPARING FOR SCHOOL...The faculty and administration at Elba City Schools are working to prepare for the start of a new school year. When students return to class Monday, Aug. 7, at Elba Elementary School, this bulletin board will be one of the first welcoming tools they see. Promoting school spirit, it reminds that "Tiger Eyes Are Watching You!" Shown working on the board are Gina Price (left), EES curriculum coordinator, and Lakesha Brackins (right), EES principal.

High School," Killingsworth said. "This is my first experience as an administrator, and I am looking forward to getting over here and started on the right foot."

Killingsworth began his teaching and coaching career in 1991 in Enterprise. He came to Elba as a teacher/coach from 1995-99 before going back to Enterprise from 1999-present. Also hired at the high school

to assist with some administrative duties during the 2006-07 school year is Shane Casey. Weeks said Casey will have dual tasks as he will teach some advanced math courses while also heading up the teacher evaluation program.

Other new hires for the 2006-07 school term include:

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Area Happenings

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COFFEE COUNTY FARMERS FEDERATION will be held Friday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the community room at the extension office complex in New Brockton, Ala. There will be door prizes, and all members are encouraged to attend.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL will hold a seventh grade orientation Thursday, Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, meet lockers and establish meal accounts. They also will have a brief tour of the school.

TROY UNIVERSITY CLUB will sponsor the Rand King Memorial Golf Tournament this Sunday, July 22, at the Elba Country Club. The time is 8 a.m. and lunch will be served around 1 p.m. All members and guests are invited.

THE COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS of Kinston, New Brunswick and Zion Chapel will hold Open House at each school Thursday, Aug. 3. This will be a "meet and greet" opportunity for parents and teachers, and class schedules can be picked up. School officials also intend to present the approved "sales tax holiday" that will be effective for the weekend of Aug. 4-6.

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ELECTION DAY? Early predictions indicated the voter turnout most likely would be low across the state for Tuesday's (July 18) Republican Primary Run-Off Election. That prediction came true. Coffee County followed the trend as a small number of voters made the final decision in the run-off race to nominate the Republican candidate for Sheriff of Coffee County. Early Tuesday afternoon, the poll workers at the National Guard Armory in Elba (shown above) were anxiously sitting and waiting for voters to visit their poll site. While the day was long for the workers, the workload was extremely light.

Elba police investigating burglaries of local business

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Shoppers at Taylor Crossing, has been the victim of several burglaries within the past month.

The first reported burglary was Tuesday, June 27, when store owner Dinah Coppage came to work and noticed some merchandise was missing.

"I know my inventory so well that I immediately knew something was wrong," she said. "No

one has a key to my store."

Coppage reported the burglary, and officers with the Elba Police Department began to investigate. It is believed entry was gained through a back door at the store.

Afterwards, Coppage had an additional locking device added to the back door. Only a couple of days later, the store was burglarized again.

According to Elba Police Chief Freddy Hanchey, officer Richard Moss was patrolling the area early Thursday morning, June 29, when he noticed a suspicious person in the vicinity of the store at approximately 4:36 a.m. Hanchey said Officer Moss checked the building and found the back door to Kids Unlimited had this time been pried open revealing obvious forced entry.

Upon further investigation, Hanchey said officers found some merchandise from the store as well as other evidence in the wooded area behind the building.

This burglary required damages to the back door to be repaired, and Coppage yet again increased the locking system to try and prevent another break-in.

On Monday, July 10, officers also found evidence leading them to believe another attempted burglary occurred at the store. However, Chief Hanchey said the suspect(s) was unable to get in the store in that attempt.

Coppage also said she is willing to offer an award for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for these burglaries.

Chief Hanchey urges local citizens to be alert regarding suspicious persons as several other burglaries and/or attempted burglaries have been reported in the area recently. While officers are not sure if any of the burglaries are connected, Hanchey said it is important citizens report any suspicious persons or activity.

Anyone with information that might help the Elba Police Department solve the Kids Unlimited burglaries or any other crime should contact the department at 897-2555. Also, Coppage said persons with information are welcome to contact her anonymously at Kids Unlimited by calling 897-8928.

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The PEOPLES Bank

WHEW! IT'S HOT!! All recent weather reports indicate hot, hot, hot temperatures, and the thermometer on the clock at The Peoples Bank agreed Tuesday afternoon, July 18, as triple digits confirmed it all. The 101 degree mark shown above was captured shortly after lunch. Residents are encouraged to take extra precautions during the hot weather to avoid any heat related illness.